

# 50 Years at the Village

## Vow Renewal Ceremonies FAQ

### **What is the 50 Years at the Village Vow Renewal?**

Manatee Village is proud to be celebrating 50 years of preserving history. In those 50 Years we have had the honor of hosting hundreds of wedding ceremonies in our historic 1887 Church. As part of our 50 Years at the Village celebration event we are offering **eight** short and sweet non-legally binding vow renewal ceremony time slots in the 1887 Church.

### **Is this a legal marriage/ wedding ceremony?**

No. This is a symbolic vow renewal and no legal marriage license or documents are issued. Couples using this time to conduct a legally binding marriage will be asked to leave. Couples wishing to get married at Manatee Village Historical Park should see staff for more information.

### **What is included in a booking?**

Exclusivity of the 1887 Church during allotted **15-minute ceremony** window and a commemorative ceremony certificate.

### **How much does it cost?**

The registration fee is a minimum \$50 non-refundable donation per couple. Additional donations are welcome and appreciated, but couples will not be granted a longer time slot.

### **How are ceremony times assigned?**

Couples will choose their preferred time slot during registration. Time slots are assigned in the order registration is received.

### **How many guests can attend?**

Guest attendance is limited to 30 guests per group. When registering we ask that couples estimate the number of attended guests for planning purposes.

### **Who will conduct the vow renewal?**

Manatee Village Historical Park will only provide the space and a commemorative certificate. Couples are responsible for organizing all other aspects.

### **Is the ceremony space accessible?**

Yes! The 1887 Church has a ramp and accessible pathways. Manatee Village Historical Park is happy to accommodate to your needs. During registration, please indicate any accessibility needs so staff can plan accordingly. Handicap parking is filled on a first come, first served basis and cannot be guaranteed.

### **Are we allowed to decorate?**

To preserve our historic church, outside decorations are not allowed.

**Will there be photography?**

Couples are responsible for booking their own professional photographer or assigning someone to take photos. All photographers must complete a form with Manatee Village Historical Park and cannot use the photographs for advertising purposes.

**What happens if we need to cancel?**

Registration fees and any additional donations are non-refundable. Couples that need to cancel after completing registration should notify staff as soon as possible so that scheduling can be adjusted.

**Are walk-up ceremonies available?**

Vow Renewals on July 11, 2026 are by registration only. Walk up vow renewal ceremonies will not be available.

**Additional Questions?**

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